



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

235 Promenade Street, Room 370
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Rabies Control Board Meeting

Meeting Date: February 3, 2016

Board Member Attendees: Scott Marshall, DVM, C.H. Hannafin, DVM, Charles Brown, (DEM Designee), Tom Gulluscio, Utpala Bandy, MD (DOH Designee), Kevin Breene, (Livestock Association)

Board Member Absent: Scott Scofield (Providence ACO)

Non-Board Attendees: Lindsey Barnard, Frank Iannarilli, Jessica Parker, Kathy Parker

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Dr. Marshall followed by roll call of all in attendance. Official business will take place at this meeting as quorum was met.

NEW BUSINESS- Variances

Variance Petition: Lindsey Barnard— requested a variance for her 7 year old dog, a miniature poodle named Cody, that was diagnosed with SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus). A letter is in the file from Newport Animal Hospital confirming the diagnosis and other conditions that would potentially be exacerbated by vaccination, and the attending veterinarian's recommendation that vaccination is contraindicated. Dr. Marshall explained the details of management of an unvaccinated animal plus the stipulations that go along with a variance. If the petition is approved Lindsey will also have to submit a microchip number for Cody to Dr. Marshall before the affidavit can be finalized.

Motion to approve – Dr. Christopher Hannafin motion to approve issuance of the variance seconded by Kevin Breene. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance Petition: Jessica Parker-requested a variance for her 4 year old domestic longhaired cat, Gidget, that was diagnosed with Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. Documentation was received from Dr. Andrea Ster from Northern Rhode Island Animal Hospital that confirmed the diagnosis and stated that rabies vaccination was contraindicated. Dr. Marshall explained the details of an unvaccinated animal plus the stipulations that go along with a variance and once the vote takes place she will be notified of the outcome by mail.

Motion to approve – Dr Christopher Hannafin motion to approve issuance of the variance seconded by Kevin Breene. The motion passed unanimously.

Variance Petition: Annette Welsh- requested a variance for her 4 year old dog, a red and white male basset hound named Cooper that has been diagnosed with a form of chronic active hepatitis. Documentation was received from Dr. Andrea Ster from Northern Rhode Island Animal Hospital that confirmed the diagnosis and stated that rabies vaccination was contraindicated. Dr. Marshall explained the

details of an unvaccinated animal plus the stipulations that go along with a variance and once the vote takes place she will be notified of the outcome by mail.

Motion to approve – Dr Christopher Hannafin motion to approve issuance of the variance seconded by Kevin Breene. The motion passed unanimously

Variance Petition: Frank Iannarilli– requested a variance for his 11 year beagle, Whooppee, which was diagnosed with Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia and Immune Mediated Thrombocytopenia as stated on documentation from Dr. Amy Trow, DVM, from Ocean State Veterinary Specialist. Dr. Marshall explained the details of an unvaccinated animal plus the stipulations that go along with a variance; and once the vote takes place he will be mailed the results. He also told Mr. Iannarilli a microchip number would have to be received before this variance could be approved and he agreed he would forward the microchip number to Dr. Marshall.

Motion to approve – Dr Christopher Hannafin motion to approve issuance of the variance seconded by Kevin Breene. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amendment of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Prevention, Control, and Suppression of Rabies Within the State of Rhode Island: Language to amend the definition of “Currently Vaccinated.”

Dr. Marshall has amended the regulations regarding lapsed time after the 3 year term of a rabies vaccine which was presented at a public hearing on November 30, 2015. He will deliver the updated regulations to the Secretary of State on Friday February 5, 2016. These changes have been approved and become in effect February 25th, 2016 stating only a 3 year product with a 3 year expiration date will be allowed up to but not over 6 months in which another 3 year vaccine can be administered.

Board Membership: Dr. Hannafin addressed his concern by the lack of attendance by Providence ACO Scott Scofield to the RBC meetings. It was discussed that Mr. Scofield has been out of work with an injury for some time and he has missed several meetings. Dr. Marshall agreed to reach out to the Director of the Providence Animal Control Center to inquire of his status. If his status is unclear, then a certified letter will be sent to Mr. Scofield to ask him if he wishes to continue on.

Update on previous action taken by the board: At the September 16, 2015 meeting a complaint was received regarding alleged animal bites that had not been reported by RI Animal Medical Center/4 Paws Pet Lodge located at 343 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888. Dr. Marshall wrote a letter to this facility regarding this claim and in mail passing received a letter from the director denying this claim.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to amend: Minutes of the meeting for November 9th, 2015 need to be amended to remove Charlie Brown’s name to correct a clerical error in the minutes. Dr. Hannafin motion to approve this change was second by Charlie Brown then the minutes of November 9th, 2015 will be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve: Minutes of the meeting for September 16, 2015 were approved by Charlie Brown and second by Dr. Hannafin. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING June 8th, 2016 @ 10:30 AM – Conference Room 370A

Motion to adjourn – Dr. Hannafin motion to adjourn - Kevin Breene second.